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## In the Claims:

1.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition for cleaning a hard surface selected from the group consisting of a ceramic, a glass, a stone, a plastic, a marble, a metal and a wood, the hard surface cleaning composition comprising a multiple emulsion system, wherein said multiple emulsion system is of the oil-in-water-in-oil type or the water-in-oil-in-water type and comprises at least two mutually incompatible or antagonistic active ingredients separated in said system by an oily or aqueous phase, then the at least two active ingredients previously held in separate phases of said system are brought into contact with each other and react to form different or enhanced active ingredients for use in the hard surface cleaning composition, wherein effective stabilization of said emulsion system is by particulate moieties comprising a hydrophobic particulate moiety and a hydrophilic particulate moiety.

## 2.(canceled)

- 3.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said system is of the water-in-oil-in-water (w/e/w) type.
- 4.(previously presented) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said active ingredients are brought together by a trigger.
- 5.(canceled)
- 6.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim

  15, wherein said particulate moieties exhibit different degrees moiety is capable
  of exhibiting more than one degree of hydrophobicity.
- 7.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein said particulate moieties are moiety is functionalized silicassilica.

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- 8.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein said particulate moieties are moiety is less than 30 nm in mean diameter.
- 9.(previously presented) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said active ingredients are moieties which have a positive effect on the performance of the system as a cleaning composition.
- 10.(previously presented) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said active ingredients are selected from the group comprising: color molecules/dyes, bleaches, bleach activators, oxidizing agents, reducing agents, enzymes, catalysts, peroxides, acidic moieties, acid-stabilized moieties, alkaline moieties, alkaline-stabilised moieties, chlorites, hypochlorites, monomers, cross-linking agents, foam-forming moieties, de-foaming moieties, surfactants, surfactant precursors, and fragrances/malodour combaters.
- 11.(previously presented) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oily phase of a <u>water-in-oil-in-water (w/o/w)</u> emulsion system or the aqueous phase of a <u>oil-in-water-in-oil (o/w/o)</u> emulsion system comprises an active ingredient selected from the group comprising: colour molecules/dyes, bleaches, bleach activators, oxidising agents, reducing agents, enzymes, catalysts, peroxides, acidic moieties, acid-stabilised moieties, alkaline moieties, alkaline-stabilised moieties, chlorites, hypochlorites, monomers, cross-linking agents, foam-forming moieties, de-foaming moieties, surfactants, surfactant precursors, and fragrances/malodour combaters.
- 12.(previously presented) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1 for use in non-cosmetic, household cleaning applications.

13.(canceled)

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- 14.(previously presented) An antimicrobial composition comprising a hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1.
- 15.(canceled)
- 16.(canceled)
- 17.(previously presented) A method of cleaning a surface, the method comprising:

  preparing a hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1; and
  applying the hard surface cleaning composition to a hard surface selected
  from the group consisting of a ceramic, a glass, a stone, a plastic, a marble, a
  metal, and a wood.
- 18.(canceled)
- 19.(previously presented) A method according claim 17, wherein the hard surface is a bathroom hard surface or a kitchen hard surface.
- 20.(previously presented) A method according claim 19, wherein the bathroom hard surface or the kitchen hard surface is selected from the group consisting of a sink, a bowl, a toilet, a panel, a tile, a worktop and a dish.
- 21.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic particulate moiety comprises hydrophobic silica particles.
- 22.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein a percentage of silanol groups/groups in total for the hydrophobic silica particles is 65% or less.
- 23.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic particulate moiety comprises hydrophilic silica particles.

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24.(new) A hard surface cleaning composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein a percentage of silanol groups/groups in total for the hydrophilic silica particles is 65% or more.